

The Newark Museum

COMMEMORATIVE CLOTH COMPETITION

ENTRY DEADLINE: March 31, 1989



ENTRY INFORMATION COMMEMORATIVE CLOTH DESIGN COMPETITION

The Newark Museum invites you to join in our celebration of the Museum's grand reopening in November 1989 by designing a commemorative cloth to mark the event. The design must depict an aspect of the Museum's renovation, collections or programs. The winning entry will be reproduced as a commemorative cloth to be sold in the Museum's Gift Shop.

A wide-ranging artform found in sub-Saharan Africa, commemorative cloths are printed textiles which may record or celebrate almost any political, historical, cultural or social event, person or idea such as the visit of a head of state, independence anniversaries or new government programs. The design of the winning entry in this competition will be judged for its faithfulness to the spirit of African commemorative cloths and for its use of images relating to The Newark Museum.

Those wishing to apply will receive a free copy of the catalogue of the Museum's 1982 exhibition, "In Praise of Heroes. Contemporary African Commemorative Cloths," and a prospectus of the Museum's redevelopment campaign from which contestants will obtain images of the Master Plan for renovation and an overview of the Museum. Designs should be full-color, submitted on 15" x 18" matboard.



ENTRY FORMS

Applicants may obtain the information package and entry form by calling (201) 596-6660 or writing: The Newark Museum, Ethnology Department, 69 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

AWARD

\$500 and five yards of printed cloth



THE COMPETITION'S BACKGROUND

The Newark Museum is currently concluding its first renovation project in its eighty-year history. Construction has been in progress since May 1986. A unique collection of approximately ninety commemorative cloths are part of the Museum's extensive African holdings. The printing of our own commemorative cloth is thus a fitting way to mark this milestone in the Museum's history.

SPECIAL RELATED EVENT

On Sunday, February 5, 1989, Anne Spencer, Curator of the Museum's Ethnological Collection, will lecture on commemorative cloths at 2:00 p.m. in the South Wing Education Center, 53 Washington Street, Newark.

